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SUBJECT: MPLA LEADER VISITS BRUSSELS

1. AGOSTINHO NETO, PRESIDENT OF POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR
LIBERATION OF ANGOLA (MPLA) VISITED BRUSSELS APRIL 4. HE
HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AND MET WITH POLITICIANS AND
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

2. AT PRESS CONFERENCE NETO SAID HE WAS OPTIMISTIC
ABOUT EVOLUTION OF EVENTS IN ANGOLA DESPITE RECENT PROBLEMS.
HE CONDEMNED VIOLENCE AND BLAMED HOLDEN ROBERTO'S FNLA,
AND TO LESSER EXTENT JONAS SAVIMBI'S UNITA, FOR RECENT
BLOODY EVENTS. HE PRESENTED TEN-PAGE DOCUMENT FILLED WITH
SIGNATURES OF HOSPITAL PERSONNEL AND OTHER WITNESSES
ALLEGEDLY ATTESTING TO FNLA'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIGHTING.
NETO SAID NEVERTHELESS THAT THREE PARTIES MUST WORK
TOGETHER TO BUILD INDEPENDENT ANGOLA. HE NOTED "WITH
REGRET" THAT FNLA TROOPS COMMITTING VIOLENT ACTS HAD COME FROM
ZAIRE. THIS DID NOT MEAN ZAIRE QUILTY OF INTERFERENCE
BUT THAT IT SHARES "CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITY" FOR PRESENT
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SITUATION. NETO SAID MPLA REPRESENTS ALL STRATA OF

ANGOLAN SOCIETY, ESPECIALLY WORKERS AND PEASANTS, AND IS NOT A COMMUNIST PARTY. NEVERTHELESS MPLA WANTS REDISTRIBUTION OF NATIONAL RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY LAND.

3. NETO ALSO MET WITH LEADERS OF BELGIAN SOCIALIST AND SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTIES AND WITH OFFICIALS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. (HE HAD REQUESTED MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE, WHO WAS OUT OF COUNTRY.) FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE INFORMS US THAT NETO DESCRIBED SITUATION IN ANGOLA FOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS ALONG GNERAL LINES OF PRESS CONFERENCE.

4. ACCORDING TO PRESS, NETO CAME TO BELGIUM AFTER VISITING NETHERLANDS, WHERE HE HAD MET WITH LEADERS OF SEVERAL DUTCH POLITICAL PARTIES. FIRESTONE

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